IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: POLYAMIDE RESIN COMPOSITIONS FOR LASER WELDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

Before examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Sir: